

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 19, 21, and 28-30 are rejected as unpatentable over Qureshi in view of Smith. The rejections of claims 1, 19, 21, and 28-30 are again respectfully traversed but claim 30 is amended to clarify the definition of a computer program product.

Regarding claim 19, the cited prior art is silent as to the use of a hierarchy of sequential arrangements of cells to depict an increased number of slides. Only one line of thumbnails (which are distinct from cells) is taught by Qureshi, while the present invention may employ a hierarchy of cells as described in the specification on page 11 lines 14-16. The specification clearly distinguishes cells from thumbnails; see Figure 6, page 10 lines 3-5, page 12 lines 4-5, page 15 lines 11-16, page 17 lines 8-17.

Regarding claim 21, Qureshi does not employ cells, but instead persistently displays a line of thumbnails in the graphical user interface used by the presenter. The use of thumbnails instead of cells clutters the interface such that multiple interfaces are needed by Qureshi. In contrast, unobtrusive cells in the present invention enable use of a single interface; brushing a cell causes a thumbnail to be portrayed by the summary view. See page 15 lines 3-17 of the specification.

Claims 5-8 are rejected as unpatentable over Qureshi and Smith in view of PowerPoint. Applicants cancel claims 5 and 8 herein but traverse the rejections of claims 6 and 7. PowerPoint fails to teach or suggest the items of claim 6, but instead simply allows a particular slide to be hidden. PowerPoint also allows a slide to include a link, but the fact that a slide has additional enhancement information such as link is not depicted in a summary view as taught and claimed.

Claim 11 is rejected as unpatentable over Qureshi and Smith and PowerPoint in view of Blades. Applicants cancel claim 11 herein.

Claims 17-18 are rejected as unpatentable over Qureshi and Smith in view of Tada. Applicants traverse these rejections. Applicants cancel claim 18 and amend claim 17 herein.

Claim 20 is rejected as unpatentable over Qureshi and Smith in view of Allen. Applicants cancel claim 20 herein.

All pending claims are believed to be allowable as amended. The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been carefully considered. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned representative if a telephone conference will expedite the prosecution of this application.

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